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2013 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #78
Summer Announcement #71, Subdistricts 6-A, 6-B, Subsistence Fishing
and Subdistrict 6-C Personal Use Fishing Closures

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The cumulative passage estimate of approximately 1,100 Chinook salmon at the Chena River tower through July 24 is well below the historical average of 5,400 for this date. Poor Chinook salmon escapement in the Chena River in recent years warrant continued caution. Therefore, additional measures will be taken in Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B, including the Old Minto area to conserve Chinook salmon for escapement.

Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B (from the mouth of the Tanana River upstream to the regulatory marker at the mouth of Wood River, which includes the communities of Manley, Minto, and Nenana):

The regular subsistence salmon fishing schedule in Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B consists of two 42-hour periods each week, from 6:00 p.m. Mondays until 12:00 noon Wednesday and from 6:00 p.m. Fridays until 12:00 noon Sundays, and fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or smaller.

The next subsistence salmon fishing period in Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B which was scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 26, will be closed to conserve Chinook salmon. The regular subsistence fishing schedule in Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B will resume beginning 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 29.

Old Minto Area:

The regular subsistence salmon fishing schedule in the Old Minto area is 5 days a week, from 6:00 p.m. Fridays until 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays, and fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size

of 7.5 inches or smaller.

Subsistence salmon fishing in the Old Minto area is currently closed and will remain closed until 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 29. Subsistence salmon fishing in the Old Minto Area will reopen for the remainder of the scheduled period from 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 29, until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 31.

Subdistricts 6-C (from regulatory marker at the mouth of the Wood River upstream to the downstream mouth of the Salcha River, which includes the communities of Fairbanks, North Pole, and Salcha):

Personal use salmon fishing in Subdistrict 6-C is currently closed and will remain closed until further notice to conserve Chinook salmon.

The department will notify fishermen by July 31 concerning run status and subsistence fishing schedules for Subdistricts 6-A, 6-B, and the Old Minto area.

During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fish wheels may not be operated and gillnets with a mesh size greater than four inches and a length greater than 60 feet must be removed from the water.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387 or in Fairbanks call (907) 459-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the ADFG office in Fairbanks at 459-7274 or in Emmonak at 949-1320.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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